

July 1, 2010

2010-11 July 1 General Aid Estimate

Each July 1, the Department is required, per s. 121.15(4)(b), Wis. Stats., to provide districts with an estimate of the upcoming year's General Aid. General Aid includes Equalization, Special Adjustment, and Special Transfer (Chapter 220) Aid. The estimate for 2010-11 is based upon data from the following sources:

- Audited 2009-10 district membership on file at the Department. The online detail membership report is found on each district's home page within the School Financial Services Reporting Portal on the team's home web page located at https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/safr_ro/
- 2009 School Aid Values certified to districts in May, 2010 (TIF-Out + Computer Value). Reorganization adjustments that become effective July 1, 2010 are not included, but will be included on the October 15 certification of aid eligibility worksheet. District values are located under "Property Valuations" on the left hand scan bar of the SFS Team home web page or directly at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sfs/propval.html>.
- 2009-10 Budget Report (PI-1504) Shared Cost as of June 18, 2010. The online Budget Report can be found under "Financial Data Home" on each district's home page within the School Financial Services Reporting Portal on the team's home web page located at https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/safr_ro/
- General Aid appropriation funding of **\$4,652,500,000** per 2009 Wisconsin Act 28.

Note that this aid calculation is an estimate based upon the best information available as of July 1, 2010. On October 15, 2010, the Department will certify General Aid for 2010-11 using district 2009-10 PI-1505-AC (Aid Certification) data, as verified by school district auditors on the PI-1506-AC. The October 15 General Aid Certification must be used in district 2010-11 Revenue Limit calculations in determining Fall, 2010 tax levies.

The July 1 2010-11 General Aid estimate worksheets are available on the team's website under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar or directly at http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid_worksheets.html. Use the pull down menu on the Excel worksheet to access your district's aid estimate. Note that this aid estimate incorporates the 2009-10 Oct/Final adjustments. A 2010-11 blank Excel Equalization Aid worksheet with the July 1 guarantees is available under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/workexe.html>.

Districts may wish to view an analysis of their General Aid eligibility over time. This analysis entitled "Longitudinal Analysis of General Aid and Equalization Aid Formula Components," is located at http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sfs/buddev_eq.html.

2010-11 Revenue Limit Calculation Updated

The 2010-11 Excel revenue limit calculation worksheet has been updated to incorporate the July 1 General Aid estimate on line 12A. Note that the data on line 12A will change again when the Department

issues the October 15 Aid Certification this fall.

On June 2, 2010, the 2010-11 worksheet was revised to include data from the final 2009-10 Revenue Limit computation which was run at that time. Districts should be aware that the 2010-11 base and/or prior-year membership counts may have changed as a result of incorporating the final 2009-10 data.

Finally, the following fields in the revised 2010-11 pre-populated worksheet have been updated with information from records at DPI:

- Line 8A – Eligible Carryover from the 2009-10 Final Revenue Limit.
- Line 8E – Recurring Referenda if 2010-11 is the first year.
- Line 10A – Non-Recurring Referenda for 2010-11.
- Line 10D – Energy Exemptions for 2010-11.

The school finance team will continue to add information to the 2010-11 Revenue Limit worksheet as new information becomes available.

The 2010-11 Revenue Limit worksheet is located under “District Budget Development and Planning” on the team’s website or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/revlimworksheet.html>.

Reminder: This worksheet is provided as a guide. Districts are responsible for the calculation of their revenue limit under state law.

The School Financial Services team website address is <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/index.html>. Should you have additional questions, please contact one of the following finance team consultants:

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